

FUEL COMMUNIQUE

THE BATTLE FOR FUEL

What is a HEDGEHOG?

"HEDGEHOG," in modern warfare, is the term used to describe massed resistance—infinitely more effective than scattered strength. The same thing is true in the case of the coal. You burn it; look on any large lump as your hedgehog. Don't break it up.

KEEP THE POKER ON THE HEARTH

A good sized lump of coal weighs about 5 lbs. Broken up into five pieces, it will take twice as long to heat. Let's whole and well banked, it will burn for many hours. If you burn it long, the heat won't go up the chimney to do when the fire blazes. So go easy on the poker—keep it on the hearth and keep your coal consumption down.



OPEN FIRE ORDERS

- 1 Reduce the area of your grate with fire-bricks. Ordinary bricks will do.
- 2 Bank the fire well back to make room for the poker.
- 3 Poke the fire from underneath, when you must.
- 4 Soft coals.
- 5 Remove all unburnt coal from the fire as before.

SAVE COAL TO SPEED VICTORY

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COUPON SAVERS sent in to the Board of Trade

Something new from something old

"I have just come across something I had completely forgotten about. It was a handkerchief a very useful one, I might add, and a very useful one. I had it in my pocketbook and made it up wrong side out (it was like new when I washed it). Then I put it in my pocketbook and made collar, cuffs and pocket of some red material. It was new, but only the cuttings from some time ago. I had to make a hole in the pocketbook to get the pockets out. I stitched on a belt, and re-cut of course. With red buttons it made quite a smart dress."

From Mrs. M. T. Tuck.

To mend a pleated skirt "To mend a pleated skirt that has pulled away in front, take a tiny piece of strong thread and a needle and sew the tear from the top. Lay the triangle over the rippled part after having pulled the pleat into shape. Then machine round with a zig-zag or a zig-zag (diagonal), and the skirt is good for another season's wear."

From Miss DORIS OLDFIELD, 52, Western Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

To reinforce sock heels "By stitching a piece of black cotton net on the heels of socks to be worn under rubber boots and then dipping them in white paint or orange dye, the heel will last longer."

From Mrs. ANN ELMORE, The Holl (Farm), Ganthorpe, Notts.

Mend and make do to save buying new

ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF TRADE



It carried guns to North Africa instead of grain to Britain. Our farmers were able to grow the grain because gardeners and allotment holders grew vegetables. Did you help?

More ships must be released for more offensives. More people—including women and children—must grow vegetables. Everyone needs them for winter health—especially the children. If you haven't turned your garden over to vegetables do so NOW. If you have no garden, ask your local Council for an allotment.

DIG for Victory



Submarines in Naples Harbour, now a target for the RAF.

"A NICE PIECE OF CAKE."

By PETER FORBES

THE crews were hanging around the Ops Room waiting for the Squadron Commander, and some of the boys told us gaggings about the poor old Wop. They were due that night to pay a visit to Musso's showplace, Naples. A meeting had been arranged at 2200 to be to, and just naturally the talk had turned to the Evezies....

"Still, there is it is...if they hadn't been such ruddy fools they would be with us now!"

"It's their own fault; they've got the wrong idea of what we're doing."

"And somebody else added, with a great deal of genuine fervour: 'I hope he is!'—and vicious chaffing began to break up again in the sky as the guns were tried out in a brief but deadly burst."

The boys' chuckles died as the crew settled down to the job on

the navigator, who was also the bombardier on this trip, was working over his final figures, for all the world like some sedate German banker, sitting comfortably at an office desk. The radio operator had now exchanged his two gunners had cramped their bodies to the highly unusual position of the gunner who had puffed his cheeks out, the skipper was doing something rather unusual—

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HOW TO DEAL WITH Catarrrh

No winter complaint is more common, more wearisome or more likely to "pull you down"—than catarrh. And certainly no complaint can be more obstinate.

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Love~And Mr. Toggles

By CARTWRIGHT TIMMS

THREE days after war was declared John Burfield decided to join up. He talked very seriously to Mr. Toggles. "Listen carefully, old man," he said. "I'm going away and it may be a long time before I come back again. I'll be gone for at least four to six months, isn't it? So I want you to do something for me." John leaned back in his chair and filled his pipe. "There's a girl in the garden who I've been seeing. She's a perfect setting for her quiet and simple life. She's a bit old and the grim and anxious days were yet to come."

"I'm going away in the morning," John said abruptly. "I'm going to try and get a job."

"I rather thought you would be doing that," Doris said. "You have been here ever since the war began."

"It is as long as that?" John grumbled boyishly. "It's quite time I got a job. What do you think I should do?"

"It wouldn't be you, would it?" Doris said with a smile. "After all, you are the original rolling stone."

John moved to where the sun was dipping below the trees on the distant hills. The garden was still and evening had a wistful note of melancholy about it.

"Mine!" Doris raised her eyes. "You have good eyes, John. You fatter me, art."

"I've had good eyes, too," John said. "I know what you mean. But you—you are different from other girls. You have seen the world and been orphaned at fourteen."

"I'm not an orphan," John said. "I have a year on a rubber plantation as a lumber jack, a trip round the world in a merchantman."

Doris heard the faint click as he hopped up. She knew that she had reached the point in his talk when Philip's little talk could only mean one thing. "I'm going away," he said. "Ten years older than I was, but we're kind and courteous."

Philip had run home to lunch quickly and get ready to go out. Doris was a sudden excited scurry in the kitchen and then Philip was well aware that it was Saturday and that Saturday afternoon meant he was free to go. He scampered excitedly to the door, taking his whole body into his pockets in the effort of invisible enemies.

At the far end of the corridor it was dark and damp. The spaniel houses were left behind and she felt the grass under her feet and the earth under her hands. She cleared and she strode lightly and with a certain common. Mr. Toggles, too, was racing with exuberance. Racing, rolling over with a wild laugh, the black spaniel leaped into the air, his body sleek and lithe, his tail a flame of fire.

Mr. Toggles was behaving in his very curious manner. He had hidden in his master's capes and was playing with them like a violin string. Then he gave a sharp bark and bounded across the grass. Doris looked after him, then her heart gave a wild spasm and she followed him, her head held high and her body in full flight.

Doris gave up the attempt to explain and broke into a laugh.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

"Well, of course, Mr. Toggle if you insist. Peoples did insist, and a moment later was running happily along the path, with a smile on his face, after fifteen minutes' walk.

"I'm glad," John smiled his secret smile. "I'm glad you're only tie, my only link to home and home. Now you are taking care of me. I'm glad."

"Yes, as free as air," Doris said.

The night shadows crept about the garden when the moment came for John to leave. The sun had gone and his voice had gone down and now he knew.

You know, if I'd been a different sort of dog, he might have tried to make me stay. But I might have settled down with him, and he would have been a good dog. But I just won't work. I've no right to do that."

"When did you get back?"

"When I came in and... I stopped

"Now come in and... I stopped

"I'm the old wanderlust!" Doris said, smiling.

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THE PASSING OF CECIL HADLEY

SPORTSMEN, newspapermen and theatrical folk—he had friends in nearly every walk of life.

After a long and gallant fight against illness he passed away at his home in Hillingdon on the last hours of Monday morning, the 10th. He was 67 years old. In the Acre, in Fleet-street and in the world of sport which he knew well and about which he wrote with such a facile and entertaining pen.

But most of all he will be missed by those who knew him well—the "Gang." That was Cecil Hadley's own affectionate description for the vast number of people whom he had grown far beyond that three million figure—who read his famous "Gang" column in "Any Old Where" feature each Sunday.

To his readers he was Uncle Cecil. To them they were "The Gang." And to us all he was a man to him talking about them or watch him reading letters from the enormous number of people who every week to realize how good he was of.

He could write more than a sports editor. He was a kindly and lovable humorist whose writings made millions laugh every Sunday. That's why "Any Old Where" began as a modest little contribution tucked away in one corner of the paper.

It grew until, before war-time restrictions cut space, it occupied three columns. Then it became a humour in which such characters as Mrs. Muggles, the Cockney girl, the Cockney Cakewalk, O.B.E., and Professor Face, the theatre critic, came to life in his weekly comic strip.

Since the war his "Gang" has added to its four columns of the earth, but the members still write to Uncle Cecil—from ships at sea, from hospitals, from convalescents from hospitals and from prisoners of war camps.

It was characteristic of Cecil Hadley that, though fighting spirit that he continued to contribute to "The People's" right until the end. He said he would have wished in harness.

For the last two years his column had been written from a sick bed, but he never lost his grip, too weak and ill to hold a pen; but punctually every Wednesday his copy would arrive to give the "Gang" a laugh or two.

His knowledge of sport and sportspersons was unrivaled. Footballers, cricketers, boxers, golfers

and tennis players—know them all. He never knew when his criticism was necessary—but he never lost a friend because of what he wrote.

All the great figures that had paraded across the stage of sport in the last few years were known to him. He brought humour in which such characters as Mrs. Muggles, the Cockney girl, the Cockney Cakewalk, O.B.E., and Professor Face, the theatre critic, came to life in his weekly comic strip.

He was happiest when talking about sport, amateur or professional, or politics.

Now he has written his last paragraph. The critics of the "Three Stooges" have paid him a compliment and their careers are now assured. The millions who enjoyed his writing and his friends, will long remember him.

Cecil leaves a widow and two sons, both in the service.

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